ous Indian tourist destinations is an on-going activity of the Department. The schemes prioritised by the Department of Tourism for development of tourism in Orissa, include, construction of tourist complexes in Hirakund, Narasingnath and Koraput, a tourist lodge in Rayagada, acquisition of speed boats at Satpada and illumination of the approach road to Jagannath Temple, Puri. The Airport at Bhubaneswar is also being expanded.

Instrument Landing System at IGIA

2162. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Instrument Landing System installed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport for use in bad weather has not been working for years; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to put the system in proper working order?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Facilities for Tourists

2163. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra and Gujarat offer the greatest domestic tourism potential for over 280 million tourists who travel widely within the country and out of these about 90 million comprise of pilgrims;

(b) if so, what steps Government have so far taken or propose to take in Maharashtra, Gujarat and other parts of the country for providing more facilities for the tourists, particularly for their lodging, boarding and transport arrangements; and

(c) how much amount Central/State Governments have allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and how much of it has actually been spent in each year during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Maharashtra and Gujarat do offer high potential for the promotion of domestic tourism including pilgrim tourists.

(b) It is the endeavour of the Department of Tourism, Government of India, to extend financial assistance to all State Governments/Union Territories including Maharashtra and Gujarat for the development of tourism. On receipt of proposals in accordance with the guidelines, the Department of Tourism, Govt. of India extends financial assistance for various schemes like construction of wayside amenities, tourist bungalows, lodges, yatri niwases, purchase of water sports equipments and assistance for transport facilities.

(c) Statement indicating the amount sanctioned/released to all State Governments/Union Territories for the years 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 is placed at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 49]

Airlines staff attitude towards passengers

2164. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the existing instructions to remove the difficulties being faced by the passengers of Indian Airlines both on the ground and in the air;

(b) whether any surprise checks are made to see that passengers are not subjected to problems; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the incidents where Airlines staff was found with indifferent attitude towards passengers during the last one year and what action was taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) As per the existing instructions, it is the duty of the facilitation staff and the Duty Officer to ensure that the passengers get immediate assistance in case of any problem.

The performance of facilitation staff is regularly monitored by the Station Managers/Airport Managers.